



¶ By the King.

✠ A Proclamation restraining the Importation of
any sort of Glasse from beyond Seas.



Hereas Wee are informed that great quantities of Glasse are by diuers secret and vnlawfull meanes Imported and brought into this Our Realme of England and Dominion of Wales, from forreine parts beyond the Seas, and are here vttered and solde, aswell in contempt of a Proclamation by Us heretofore published, inhibiting the same, as to the great dammage of Our louing Subiects, the Patentees of the Glasse-works heere, who by their exceeding charge and great care hauing now brought the said workes to good perfection, wee are in Justice and Honour to prouide for their indemnitie in that kinde; And howsoever for the better encouragement of the sayd Patentees, wee formerly granted them power of Importation

of Glasse from beyond Seas, yet Our Royall meaning therein was, to continue that Licence no longer then the Glasse-works heere should be brought to perfection: And therefore to the end that no person whatsoever should hereafter hope for, or expect fauour or conuiniencie for importing of Glasse, wee doe from hencefoorth inhibite and forbid the said Patentees, their Deputies and Assignes, to import, or cause to be imported into this Our Realme and Dominion of Wales, any sort or kinde of Glasse whatsoever from any the parts beyond the Seas, other then such few varieties of Glasse, as certaine Lords Our Commissioners for the Glasse-works heere, and in Scotland, shall giue their expresse Warrant for in that behalfe, vpon paine of forfeiture of the same; Any Charter, Licence or Graunt by Us heretofore made to the said Patentees or others to the contrary notwithstanding.

And further wee doe by these Presents straitly charge, prohibite and ordaine, That from and after the Date of this Our Proclamation, no person or persons whatsoever, shall at any time hereafter presume to import, conuey or bring, or cause to be imported, conueyed and brought into Our Realme of England or Dominion of Wales, from any forreine part or parts beyond the Seas, or out of any other of Our Kingdomes or Dominions (except in such cases of necessitie as shall be allowed of by Our said Commissioners, and that to the Scottish Patentees onely) any maner, kinde, or fashion of Glasse or Glasses whatsoever, vpon paine of the forfeiture of all such Glasse as shall be so imported contrary to this Our Royall Commandement, To be from time to time seised and taken in Our name, and one moytie thereof to be to Our vse, and the other moytie to him or them that shall discouer and seise the same, and vpon further paine of Our indignation and such other punishment as by Our Lawes or Prerogative Royall may be inflicted vpon such offenders for their contempt in this behalfe; Whom wee will shall be from time to time by Our said Commissioners for the said Glasse-works, conuented and called before them, and by them duely punished according to the merit of their offences.

And further vpon the like penalties, That no person or persons whatsoever that now vse, or hereafter shall vse the trade or occupation of retailing, selling or vttering of drinking Glasses, or other Glasses within any Our Dominions, shall at any time hereafter directly or indirectly,




buy, bargain, or contract for any kinde or fashion of Glasſe or Glaſſes made beyond the Seas, or in any of Our Kingdomes and Dominions, other then in our Realme of England and Dominion of Wales (except in caſes of neceſſitie to be allowed of, as aforeſaid) to be imported, conveyed or brought into this Our Kingdome of England and Dominion of Wales: And that no Vintner, Victualler or Inholder, or other perſon whatſoever, ſhall buy, receive or take any Glasſe or Glaſſes whatſoever, but at the ordinary Shops, or other lawfull places for ſale thereof; And that no Maſter of any Ship or Veſſell ſhall permit or ſuffer any ſoꝛeine Glasſe to bee taken or brought aboard his Ship or Veſſell, nor that any Partner or Sailler ſhall bring or convey any ſuch Glasſe into this Realme or Dominion of Wales, vnder any colour or pretence whatſoever; vnder the paines and penalties befoꝛe mentioned.

And further wee doe likewiſe ſtraitly charge and inhibite by theſe Preſents, That from hencefoorth no perſon or perſons whatſoever (other then the ſaid Engliſh Patentees, their Deputies or Aſſignes) ſhall melt or make, or cauſe to be melted or made, any kinde, ſoꝛme or faſhion of Glasſe or Glaſſes, with any ſoꝛt of ſewell whatſoever, within this Our Realme of England and Dominion of Wales, or any part thereof, vpon paine of forfeiture of ſuch Glasſe ſo made as aforeſaid, and other puniſhment for their contempt in that behalfe; And that alſo from hencefoorth no perſon or perſons whatſoever within Our ſaid Kingdome and Dominion of Wales (other then the ſaid Engliſh Patentees, their Deputies and Aſſignes) ſhall erect or build, or cauſe to be erected or built any Furnaces, Structures, Engines or Deuiſes, for the melting or making of any kinde or ſoꝛt of Glasſe, or Glaſſes, with, or by the helpe or meanes of any ſewell whatſoever; And that no perſon ſhall abett, aide or aſſiſt any ſuch perſons as ſhall vnlawfully erect, or attempt to erect any Furnace, Engine or Deuiſe for making of Glasſe, either by demoliſing or letting them any houſes or ground for that uſe or purpoſe, or otherwiſe howſoever, vpon paine of Our indignation, and ſuch other puniſhment as by Our Lawes or Our Prerogative Royall, as aforeſaid, may be likewiſe inflicted vpon them, Any Charter, Licence, Power, Authoritie or Priuiledge to the contrary in any wiſe notwithstanding, and vpon further paine of hauing the ſaid Furnaces ſo vnlawfully erected, demolithed and pulled downe by the ſayd Engliſh Patentees, their Deputies, Subſtitutes or Aſſignes, by Warrant or Warrants in that behalfe, to be to them firſt giuen vnder the hands of any of Our ſaid Commiſſioners, as well within Liberties as without, whom wee doe hereby require and authorize to make and giue Warrants accordingly.

And laſtly, wee doe hereby ſtraitly charge and command all Juſtices of Peace, Mayors, Sheriſſes, Bayliſſes, Conſtables, Cuſtomers, Comptrollers, Searchers, Waiters, and other Our Officers and Miniſters, to be from time to time aiding and aſſiſting in the due execution of this Our Royall commandement, as they tender Our pleaſure, and will anſwere the contrary at their perils.

Giuen at Theobalds, the five and twentieth day of February, in the ſeuenteenth yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God ſaue the King.

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